(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In order to avoid cost escalation and to facilitate completion of building projects in time, the Commission has decided to provide 100% grants to the universities and colleges towards all building projects admissible for grant-in-aid under Plan schemes during Tenth Plan period.

Professional education

406. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to impart professional education in all the schools/colleges of the country based on the pattern of Japan;

(b) whether Government are taking any effective step to make education employment-oriented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In accordance with the National Policy on Education, Vocationalisation at Secondary Education level is provided through about 7000 schools with an enrolment capacity of about 10 lakhs students. At undergraduate level, the programme of Vocationalisation has been introduced in 2162 institutions/universities. In addition to this, various technical/professional institutions are also engaged in providing employment-oriented education.

Old syllabus in Government schools

407. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'Dainik Jagran', dated the 26th October, 2002 under the caption "Sarkari Schoolon main purana pathyakram hi parhaya jayega";

(b) if so, the details thereof;